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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

I refer to your requests received on 9 November and 12 November 2022, about the National Erebus Memorial, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

Questions asked on 9 November 2022:

1. *In its code of conduct and values does the Ministry adhere to the principles outlined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)?*

Information on the code of conduct adhered to by the public service and the Ministry is publicly available here: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/integrity-and-conduct/>.

2. *Prior to the installation of the CCTV camera did the Ministry consult with iwi or other community groups to discuss the installation of the CCTV camera?*

No. For context, it was a single camera in a park, installed solely for the purposes of the safety and security of a construction site.

3. *Did the Ministry seek iwi or community consent or approval in relation to the installation of the CCTV camera?*

No. For context, it was a single camera in a park, installed solely for the purposes of the safety and security of a construction site.

4. *In installing the CCTV camera did the Ministry give any consideration to the impact of the camera watching and recording indigenous people visiting a place of cultural importance?*

We have worked closely with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust throughout the project and the Trust is aware of operational matters at the site, including the CCTV camera. They have raised no concerns regarding this matter.

5. *Did the Ministry give any consideration to the impact the CCTV camera and its monitoring would have on trust between the government and indigenous people?*

No. For context, it was a single camera in a park, installed solely for the purposes of the safety and security of a construction site.

6. *Does the Ministry have any concerns that the CCTV camera, in watching, monitoring, and recording those people visiting a sacred historical site,*

*aggravates a historical power imbalance between indigenous people and the government?*

7. *Is the Ministry aware that the installation of the CCTV camera at Dove Myer Robinson park may have breached the UNDRIP?*

Question 6 and 7 ask for the Ministry to confirm an opinion and are therefore not subject to the OIA. You have asked the Ministry to confirm characterisations you have made.

Questions asked on 12 November 2022:

8. *What will be the extent of earthworks and excavation in the construction of the memorial ie) how many tonnes of earth will be excavated / what is the size of the area of excavation / what is the depth of the excavation?*

This information is publicly available and can be found within the civil drawings on our website: [National Erebus Memorial Civil Drawings \(mch.govt.nz\)](http://National Erebus Memorial Civil Drawings (mch.govt.nz)). On page 3 of the drawings this shows the extent of excavation. Essentially, there is 108m<sup>3</sup> of topsoil being removed and stored on-site.

Other than the topsoil, there is minimal further excavation – only 0.01m<sup>3</sup> for the footing of the wall. There is then 368m<sup>3</sup> of fill being added to site to form the contours in the design before the topsoil is re-spread.

9. *Please outline what other materials will be used in the construction of the structure – i.e.) steel, other materials - and the quantity of materials being used*

Outside of the quantity provided for earthworks there are actually minimal other materials besides concrete and steel. Quantities noted below:

1. Stainless steel – 21 sheets of 1254mm x 3048x 10mm thick AISI grade 316L stainless steel.
2. Concrete – Details of concrete amounts have been previously provided to you.

Other materials and quantities will be confirmed once subcontractors are engaged.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [oia@mch.govt.nz](mailto:oia@mch.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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